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TO AMEMBASSY ATHENS PRIORITY

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, GR

SUBJECT: TERRORISM

REF: ATHENS 908

1. PER SUGGESTION REFTEL, NEA/GRK COUNTRY DIRECTOR HANDED  
NOTE TO FIRST SECRETARY CONSTANTIS ON FEBRUARY 14. EMBASSY  
IS REQUESTED TO DELIVER THIS NOTE TO GOG:

" THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WELCOMES THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC'S FIRM STAND AGAINST  
INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM AS DEMONSTRATED BY THE TRIAL AND  
CONVICTION OF THE TWO INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE  
MURDERS COMMITTED AT THE ATHENS AIRPORT AND BY THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC'S SUBSEQUENT REFUSAL  
TO BE BLACKMAILED INTO RELEASING THESE CRIMINALS. THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES MAINTAINS THAT THE  
PERPETRATORS OF SUCH HEINOUS CRIMES MUST BE SUITABLY  
PUNISHED IN ORDER THAT THE RULE OF LAW BE UPHELD AND  
APPLAUDS THE GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC'S ACTIONS  
WHICH HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT WITH THIS PRINCIPLE. MURDER  
OF INNOCENT PEOPLE CANNOT REASONABLY BE CHARACTERIZED AS  
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A POLITICAL ACT. THEREFORE, THE PERPETRATORS OF THIS TYPE

OF CRIME CANNOT BE CONSIDERED 'POLITICAL PRISONERS.'

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES HOPES THE  
GOVERNMENT OF THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC WILL REMAIN TRUE TO  
GREECE'S GREAT CONTRIBUTION TO THE CIVILIZATION OF MAN-  
KIND AND WILL NOT LIGHTLY ABANDON THE CONCEPT OF THE  
IMPORTANCE OF INDIVIDUAL LIFE.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE, WASHINGTON, FEBRUARY 14, 1974." KISSINGER

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